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Gene or Protein to Prevent
Restenosis.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 14, 2000

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Official Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on November 14, 2000. This response is due on May 14, 2001, by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a three month extension of time to respond. No additional fees are believed to be due, however, should any such fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, or should the check be inadvertently omitted the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall O'Toole Gerstein Murray & Borun account number 13-2855.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented below, Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the application.